



TOWN OF AMHERST

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A Letter to All Town of Amherst Residents and Business Operators

Re: Town of Amherst Centennial

As you probably know, the Town of Amherst was incorporated on April 15, 1910. In recognition of this, the Town will be celebrating it's 100th birthday in a variety of ways throughout the year.

A series of article outlining various aspects of the Town's history is being published in the New Era Progress. An Alphabet Book has been written and made available to elementary school students. A curriculum guide focusing on the Town has been written and is being used by the Amherst County schools. The Amherst County Museum and Historical Society plans to publish a book featuring "then and now" pictures of Town buildings. The Amherst Art Club has been working to have public art displayed in the downtown businesses.

There will be a Founders Day celebration on April 17. During the morning the Amherst County Museum and Historical Society will sponsor a tour of various Town buildings. There will be a Founders Day program at Amherst County High School. This significant event features a keynote address by Senator John Warner and a presentation by the ACHS drama group and displays of information by various community groups and vintage automobiles. The Committee plans to honor the Town's youngest "new baby" resident and residents that have achieved the age of 90 and requests that everyone help to identify these individuals. The evening features the Amherst Fire Department's steak dinner at its fire station on Second Street.

On June 12 there will be a Street Fair in downtown Amherst. The day will begin with the unveiling of the 2010 ArtMeters and conclude with the Centennial Parade.

On behalf of the Town Council and the Amherst Centennial Program Committee, I invite you to participate in these activities. Information on these is still being developed and will be posted on the Town's web site at www.amherstva.gov, but please e-mail (townhall@amherstva.gov) or call the Town Hall (946-7885) if you have any questions about the celebration. Thank you in advance for helping to make this the best possible celebration of the Town's 100th birthday.

Sincerely,

Jacob P. Bailey
Mayor